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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.

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2. [REDACTED] said you mentioned a radio broadcast you heard recently regarding a U. S. Air Force plan of sending a plane toward a target which might or might not get instructions to return to base. You thought it was on CBS radio. We have been unable to locate anything in the last few days on CBS radio even close to this. The only CBS broadcast regarding American Air Force units came from Paris yesterday morning and is attached hereto marked Tab A.

3. NBC, however, carried a report by Peter Mackes from the Pentagon on "Sail Safe" stating that the UNITED PRESS had permission to make this report public. This is a plan where the plane flies toward a target for a fixed number of miles, then if it doesn't get secret orders to go on to the target it is automatically turned back. A copy of that broadcast is attached as Tab B.

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Assistant to the Director

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